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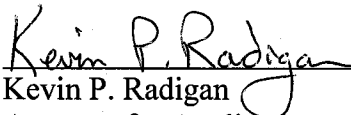
Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. Upon entrance of this amendment, claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 30, 32, 38, 39 & 63 will remain pending.

In the Office Action dated May 9, 2006, claims 8 & 37 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Responsive to this indication, the subject matter of claims 8 & 37 have been rewritten into the respective independent claims (i.e., claims 1 & 30), as well as into independent claim 63. Thus, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

This paper is filed to ensure issuance of certain allowable subject matter, and is submitted without prejudice to the possible filing of a continuation application for any remaining subject matter of the application.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case with Applicants' attorney, please contact Applicants' attorney at the below-listed number.

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